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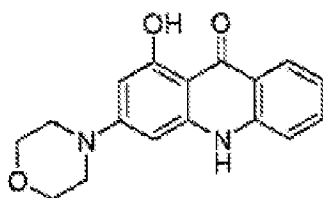
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 9 and 22-24 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 23 and 24 are rejected. Claims 1, 9 and 22-24 are objected.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Group I and the further election of the species:

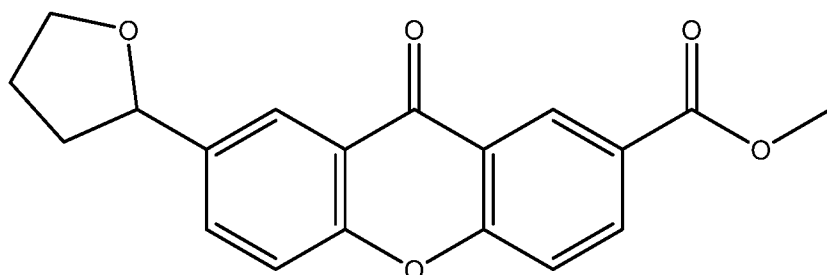


in the reply filed on 18 September 2009 has been acknowledged and the elected species appears allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicants' amendment filed 9 March 2010 has overcome the 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph rejection of claims 1, 23 and 24. As applicant has deleted carboxyl from the variable R1 in the claims, the 35 USC 102(b) rejection as being anticipated by the species 7-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)-xanthone-2-carboxylic acid is overcome.

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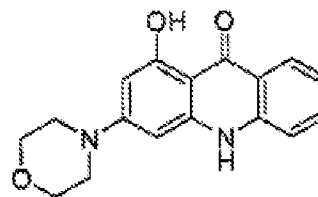
Therefore, according to MPEP 803.02, the search and examination has been extended to the non-elected species of



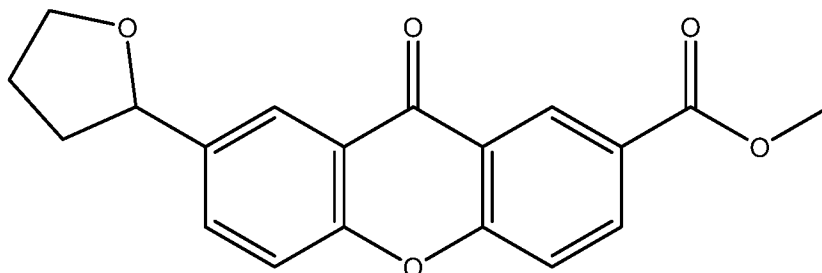
methyl 7-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)-xanthone-2-carboxylate

As this non-elected species has been found not allowable, the Markush-type claims have been rejected and claims to the non-elected invention held withdrawn from further consideration.

Claims 1, 9 and 22-24 have been examined to the extent that they are readable



on the elected embodiment, the elected species of



and the species methyl 7-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)-xanthone-2-carboxylate . Since the

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non-elected species was found not allowable, subject matter not embraced by the elected embodiment is therefore withdrawn from further consideration.

It has been determined that the entire scope of claimed is not patentable.

As a non-elected species has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b), the claim objection is maintained.

Maintained Claim Objections

Claims 1, 9 and 22-24 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. Claims 1, 9 and 22-24 presented drawn solely to the elected embodiment would overcome this objection or an amendment to overcome the pending rejections in the instant application would overcome this objection as the search and examination of the claims according to MPEP 803.02 would continue.

New Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

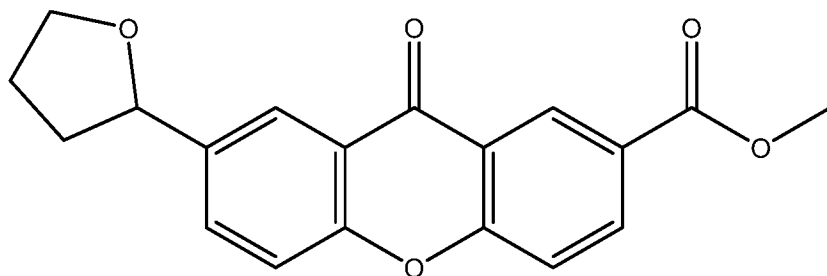
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 3,835,158.

US Patent No. 3,835,158 discloses compounds of the formula (A) useful for the treatment of symptoms associated with allergic manifestations, such as asthmatic conditions (column 1, lines 5-20). Column 2, lines 40-50 disclose pharmaceutical compositions, including combinations with other compounds such as antibiotics. An

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example of a compound of the formula (A) is found in example 9:



methyl 7-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)-xanthone-2-carboxylate, column 21 which

corresponds to applicants' claimed invention wherein A is a 5 membered aliphatic ring containing 1 heteroatom of oxygen; n is 0; each Z is CR_b wherein R_b is hydrogen; X is O; m is 1; and R₁ is carboxy which is defined on page 18 of the instant specification to be COOR_d and R_d in claim 1 can be alkyl, i.e. methyl. The antibiotic of column 2 corresponds to the antineoplastic agent required in claim 24, see page 27 of the instant specification wherein antibiotics are listed in chemotherapeutic agents.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Rebecca L. Anderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0696. Mrs. Anderson can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 6:00am until 2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699.

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